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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Roger A. Dulin et al.  
Serial No.: 09/843,085  
Filing Date: April 27, 2001  
For: METHOD OF TRANSPARENTIZING PAPER SUBSTRATE AND  
PAPER ASSEMBLY WITH TRANSPARENTIZED WINDOW

Examiner: Stephen P. Garbe  
Art Unit: 3727

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 13, 2002

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2002, the Applicants respond as follows.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action dated November 13, 2002 that the claims are directed to more than one invention and are distinct requiring an election of one of the following inventions in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I, including claims 1-13, drawn to a method of transparentizing a portion of a paper substrate, classified in class 503, subclass 206; and

Group II, including claims 14-20, drawn to a paper substrate having a translucent area, classified in class 229, subclass 71.

As required by the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims of Group I, including claims 1-13, drawn to a method of transparentizing a portion of a paper substrate.

Based upon the foregoing, the present application is in condition for examination, which action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss the present application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned agent at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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